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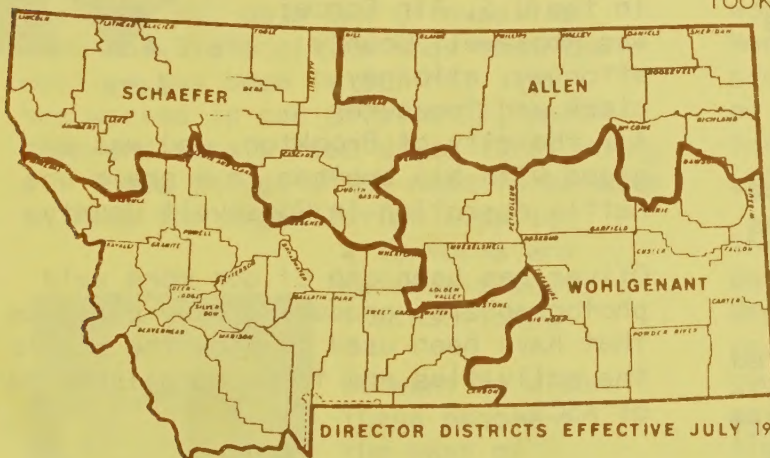


June 25, 1973

DIRECTOR DISTRICTS REALIGNED

Effective July 1 our district director assignments will be changed to reflect recent changes in workload and personnel. The new alignment, along with directors responsible for three of the districts, is shown on the map. The fourth district, which includes south-central and southwestern Montana counties, will be covered, at least on an interim basis, by personnel from the State office. This will probably include visits from specialists who may have particular interest in county activities at a particular time.

With this assignment of additional



DIRECTOR DISTRICTS EFFECTIVE JULY 1973

counties to the remaining district directors, they will be able to visit with county committees and in county offices less frequently than in the past. They will continue to attend county committee meetings when possible and to keep in close touch with all offices. They will also be avail-

able in a county where there are particular situations in which farmers, the committee or CED would like their assistance.

WHEAT PAYMENTS BEGIN IN JULY

Preliminary wheat certificate payments, which will be made beginning July 2, will be at the rate of 68 cents per bushel. This is 75 percent of the difference between July projected wheat parity of \$3.30 per bushel and the estimated average wheat price of \$2.40 for the five-month period beginning July 1.

The July checks will also include set-aside payments for those producers who took the sign-up option to set-aside land from production this year. Their payment will be at the rate of 88 cents per bushel times the farm yield for each additional acre set-aside.

A final certificate payment, planned for early December, will be the actual difference between July parity and the five-month average wheat price, less the preliminary payment.

Certificate payments are based on a farm's domestic allotment times established yield. For example, a producer with a 100-acre domestic allotment and a 30-bushel yield would earn a preliminary payment of \$2,040 (100 x 30 x 68 cents).

Certificate payments assure producers participating in the set-aside program of full parity return from wheat used for domestic food purposes.

Wheat parity at mid-May was \$3.32 per bushel while the national average price of wheat at the same time was \$2.15 per bushel.

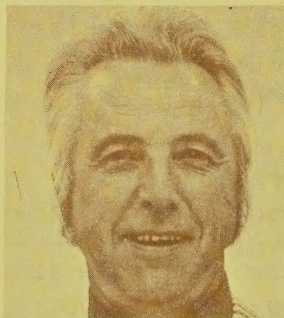
Certificate payments under the 1972 program, computed in the same manner as this year, amounted to \$1.34 per bushel, including a preliminary payment of \$1.28 per bushel. Total wheat payments earned by Montana farmers were approximately \$73 million.

The value of the preliminary certificates and set-aside payments to be distributed to Montana producers next month is approximately \$45 million.

PERSONNEL CHANGES ANNOUNCED

Several changes are being made in the State office staff, in part due to the reduction in programs and activity, and in part to some retirements.

Retiring on June 30 are Everett Woodgerd, district director, and Charles Crouse, program specialist. Paul Renford, off-set press operator and



Woodgerd

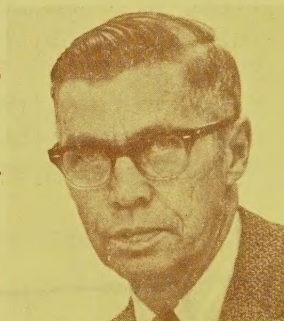
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(that's what ASCS was) in April 1942. He advanced to county secretary-treasurer and then in 1947 became a district director. After a short interim away from ASCS following a reduction in 1947, Everett returned as a district director and has served continuously since that time. Everett's interests include photography and during his years with us, he has produced some excellent pictures for our use.

His experience outside ASCS includes employment on a Christmas tree farm, with a lumber company and with the American Crystal Sugar Company.

Oliver came to work for ASCS in 1962 as a district director trainee. A year later, he was named director for the counties in northeastern Montana and then, in 1965, was transferred to the area centering on Bozeman. Before joining ASCS he served during World War II in the U.S. Air Force; was Roosevelt County attorney; attorney, clerk and treasurer for the city of Brockton, and was engaged with his brother in a grain and cattle operation in Roosevelt County.



Lien

Oliver has been one of our more avid photographers, producing many pictures that have been used to show the public the activities and the accomplishments of ASCS.

Chuck first worked for the agency on a temporary basis in 1948 as a plane table operator for the Beaverhead County ACA. He was employed by the State ASCS office as an information assistant in 1941. After service with the U.S. Army in World War II, he returned to ASCS for a couple years and

left again to serve as executive secretary for the Montana State Farm Bureau. In 1951 he rejoined the agency and has served as fieldman, and program specialist for production adjustment and price support sections.



Crouse

Chuck also used his journalism experience throughout his ASCS service as information coordinator for the State office.

Paul was in the U.S. Navy for a number of years before being employed by ASCS in 1962 as a multilith operator and general supply clerk. Paul has been in charge of our consolidated printing shop for Federal agencies since the move to the Bozeman Federal Building in 1966.

Those of you who have seen the initials "L.H." on a box of supplies from the State office know that Lew Huffine has been in action. Lew has worked in our print shop, mail room and supply room since 1970, doing all those things which need to be done to keep the organization supplied

with forms and materials and instructions.



Renford

We want to wish these people the best of luck in whatever they may choose to do in the future and to thank them for the many years of

dedicated service they have given agriculture and ASCS.

SERVICE AWARDS EARNED

In our last LETTER we had a picture of several State office employees who recently received Certificates of Service. We realize, of course, that there are many county committeemen and county employees who have also qualified recently for these awards for length of service.

Although it's impossible to have pictures of all of them, we would like to congratulate and recognize each one for his or her service. We hope the attachment to this letter will serve this purpose.

We are pleased that there are so many men and women who have served agriculture so long and faithfully in their communities. We extend congratulations and our appreciation to all of you.

NEW LAW COVERS FARM WORKERS

Beginning July 1 all farm and ranch workers will be required to come under Montana's new workmen's compensation program. The new law replaces an older one which required coverage only for certain employees in hazardous industries.

The new legislation requires every person engaged in agriculture who employs individuals on his farm or ranch to provide them with workmen's compensation coverage. This coverage may be provided by a private insurance firm or by the State Insurance Fund of the Division of Workmen's compensation.

Workmen's compensation insurance is designed to provide payment of hospital and medical costs arising from an industrial injury, as well as compensation payments to assist the employee during a period of recuperation or

rehabilitation following an accident. Employees covered under the act are protected from liability in civil damage suits resulting from on-the-job injury to an employee.

About 35,000 workers are expected to be added to compensation insurance rolls as a result of a new legislation. Information about the program is available from local insurance agents or by contacting the underwriting section of the Division of Workmen's Compensation, 815 Front Street, Helena, MT 59601 or by telephoning 449-3182.

GOVERNMENT BINS AUCTIONED

Another step in the Department's program to get out of the grain storage business in Montana was completed



last week with the sale of 435 steel grain bins. These bins were erected in the mid-50's when grain supplies were accumulating beyond our ability to use them and the capacity of commercial storage facilities.

The sales in Montana are only a part of the national sales designed to have the government completely out of the storage business next year.

A total of 435 bins were auctioned off in sales at 11 Montana sites last week. The average price for the 3,250-bushel bins was \$606. The highest per site average was \$677.67 at Valier. Sales at Four Buttes, Wolf Point and Rudyard were only slightly

lower. The highest bin sold for \$740 while the cheapest bin auctioned off was \$450.

Completion of the sales leaves us with 537 bins at 13 sites--Cut Bank, Opheim, Richland, Four Buttes, Peerless, Whitetail, Outlook, Westby, Medicine Lake, Redstone, Froid, Poplar and Wolf Point.

AMS APPEAL OFFICE CLOSES

The Agricultural Marketing Service has announced that its Great Falls office handling grain appeals and supervising inspections will be closed effective July 8. The Federal appeal and supervision functions will be taken over by the field office at Spokane, Washington.

This transfer of Federal appeal and supervision functions will not affect the grain inspection work performed by the Montana State Grain Inspection Laboratory which is still in business at the same location--Box 1397, Great Falls.

The Spokane field office to which producers may direct any appeals from State determinations is located at Room 266, U.S. Court House, 920 West Riverside Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201.

Roy Killenbeck, Chairman
Montana State ASC Committee
P.O. Box 670
Bozeman, MT 59715

LENGTH OF SERVICE CERTIFICATES

Beaverhead County

Fred Brown, COC, 10 years
Gifford Weston, CED, 15 years

Blaine County

Fred Nixon, COC, 10 yrs.

Broadwater County

Verna Adams, E, 20 yrs.
Margaret Booher, CED, 20 yrs.
John Walter, COC, 15 yrs.

Carbon County

August Gabrian, CMC, 10 yrs.
Josephine Hatten, E, 15 yrs.
Archie Kenyon, COC, 10 yrs.
Arthur Luoma, CMC, 10 yrs.
Tony Papez, CMC, 10 yrs.
John Sekora, COC, 10 yrs.
Ellen Snell, E, 15 yrs.
Louis Zinne, CED, 10 yrs.

Cascade County

Esther Earle, E, 20 yrs.
M.M. Guthrie, COC, 20 yrs.
Everett Goodhart, COC, 15 yrs.
Maureen Marko, E, 15 yrs.

Chouteau County

John Baack, CMC, 10 yrs.
Wilson Gray, CMC, 10 yrs.
Katie Schoonover, E, 15 yrs.
Joe Vielleux, CMC, 10 yrs.
Jon West, CED, 10 yrs.

Custer County

Harold Bird, COC, 15 yrs.
Keith Corey, COC, 10 yrs.
Ted Hirsch, COC, 15 yrs.
Marlyn Janssen, CMC, 15 yrs.
C.J. Jonutis, CMC, 10 yrs.
J. Donald Ochsner, CMC, 10 yrs.

Daniels County

Alfred Bellanger, CMC, 10 yrs.
Charles A. Daniels, CMC, 10 yrs.
R. Leroy Frederick, CMC, 10 yrs.
Laurence Fouhy, COC, 10 yrs.
Charles Gebhardt, CMC, 10 yrs.
Beryle Graff, E, 10 yrs.
Dorothy Graff, E, 15 yrs.
Ruben Halverson, CMC, 10 yrs.
Eugene Hatfield, CMC, 15 yrs.
John Higgins, CED, 10 yrs.
John Jacobson, CMC, 15 yrs.
Ernest Lapke, COC, 10 yrs.
John F. Lee, CMC, 10 yrs.

Deer Lodge County

Donald W. Beck, COC, 15 yrs.
Hugo F. Galle, Jr., COC, 10 yrs.

Fallon County

Patrick J. Murphy, E, 15 yrs.
Rodger A. Myhre, COC, 10 yrs.

Fergus County

John F. Bartlett, E, 15 yrs.
Neta Beck, E, 20 yrs.
Janice DeLapp, E, 15 yrs.
Robert Hitchcock, E, 10 yrs.
Don Knox, CED, 15 yrs.

Flathead County

William Ambrose, COC, 10 yrs.
Robert Bibb, Jr., COC, 10 yrs.
Jean D. Hollenback, E, 15 yrs.
Don Hughes, CED, 20 yrs.

Gallatin County

Alice Miller, E, 15 yrs.
Donald Salisbury, COC, 10 yrs.

Garfield County

Frank Baker, COC, 10 yrs.
J. Allen Barnes, CED, 15 yrs.
Joe Hafila, COC, 20 yrs.
Evelyn Ritter, E, 15 yrs.
James E. Stanton, COC, 15 yrs.

Glacier County

Mary E. Goldrick, E, 25 yrs.
Richard Dean, COC, 10 yrs.

Golden Valley County

Hugh Hillman, CMC, 10 yrs.
Mavis Nohrenberg, CMC, 10 yrs.
Henrietta Osse, E, 20 yrs.
Bert Schaff, COC, 10 yrs.
John B. Schanz, CMC, 10 yrs.
M.G. Stephenson, CMC, 10 yrs.

Granite County

William R. Ohrmann, COC, 15 yrs.

Hill County

Fred Dusek, E, 20 yrs.
Giles Gregoire, CMC, 10 yrs.
Ilert Hallebust, CED, 25 yrs.
Stuart Herron, COC, 10 yrs.
Marie Hollingshead, E, 15 yrs.
Wayne Wolery, CMC, 10 yrs.

Jefferson County

Gene Hanson, COC, 10 yrs.
Alice I. McClure, E, 10 yrs.
John F. Steingruber, COC, 15 yrs.
Earl Wohlfrom, CED, 20 yrs.

Lake County

Howard O. Delaney, COC, 15 yrs.
Dorothy C. Krueger, CED, 25 yrs.

Lewis & Clark County

James C. Eggan, CED, 15 yrs.
Fred E. Scherrer, COC, 10 yrs.
George Vincent, COC, 15 yrs.
Ralph I. Wagner, COC, 10 yrs.

Liberty County

Betty Krejci, E, 10 yrs.
Alice Morrison, E, 20 yrs.
Jack Saidlitz, CED, 10 yrs.

Lincoln County

E. Duke Baney, CMC, 15 yrs.
Jack Peters, COC, 10 yrs.

McCone County

Robert J. Balder, CMC, 10 yrs.
Donald B. Brink, CMC, 15 yrs.
Alva R. Harris, CMC, 10 yrs.
Andrew D. Rychkun, CMC, 10 yrs.
Aldo Wolff, CMC, 10 yrs.
George Withrow, CED, 10 yrs.

Madison County

Jack Fenton, COC, 15 yrs.
Homer E. Maichel, COC, 10 yrs.

Missoula County

Alvin Goodan, COC, 15 yrs.
Mary K. Johnson, E, 15 yrs.
Dallas L. Schoening, E, 15 yrs.

Musselshell County

Lloyd Dunbar, COC, 15 yrs.
James Holliday, COC, 10 yrs.
Jack H. Lewis, CED, 10 yrs.
Frances Spek, E, 25 yrs.

Park County

Doris M. McComb, E, 15 yrs.
Alexander A. Malcolm, COC, 10 yrs.

Phillips County

Laurin Bruckner, CED, 10 yrs.
Leola Milks, E, 15 yrs.
Marjorie A. Rose, E, 10 yrs.

Pondera County

Robert J. Egeler, CED, 15 yrs.
Robert D. Wentworth, E, 10 yrs.

Powder River County

Dale V. Benge, COC, 15 yrs.

Powell County

Helen G. Gill, CED, 25 yrs.

Prairie County

Irene H. Martinson, CED, 20 yrs.
David A. Rosa, COC, 10 yrs.

Ravalli County

Raymond J. Efteland, CED, 30 yrs.

Richland County

Dorothy E. Anderson, E, 15 yrs.
Loriene E. Crippen, E, 20 yrs.
Francis L. Wamsley, CED, 10 yrs.

Roosevelt County

Randal A. Baxter, E, 10 yrs.
Bruce Brookman, COC, 25 yrs.
Fred Clark, COC, 20 yrs.
Ralph Criesman, COC, 30 yrs.
Muriel J. Park, E, 10 yrs.
Della Mae Wix, E, 15 yrs.

Rosebud County

Emil T. Hirsch, COC, 10 yrs.

Sanders County

Patricia K. Brown, E, 10 yrs.
Herbert Cross, COC, 15 yrs.
Ray Jorgenson, CED, 15 yrs.
Donald G. Naegeli, COC, 10 yrs.
John R. Nelson, COC, 10 yrs.

Sheridan County

Arnold Christensen, E, 15 yrs.
Goldie Cybulski, E, 15 yrs.
Richard Huffman, COC, 10 yrs.
Elmer F. Lee, COC, 10 yrs.
Phyllis B. Newnam, CED, 20 yrs.
Wayne C. Tyler, COC, 10 yrs.
Carolyn Weisz, E, 10 yrs.

Silver Bow County

William E. Craddock, COC, 10 yrs.

Stillwater County

Carter Bridges, COC, 10 yrs.
Florence Carlson, E, 15 yrs.
Joseph Cash, COC, 10 yrs.
Albert Eisenman, COC, 10 yrs.
Pearl H. Rouane, E, 20 yrs.
Glenn Saunders, CED, 15 yrs.

Sweet Grass County

Kermit Anderson, COC, 10 yrs.
Don Stuart Tetlie, CED, 15 yrs.

Teton County

Doris E. Whipple, E, 15 yrs.

Toole County

Clarice Criner, E, 15 yrs.
Lloyd Hellinger, COC, 15 yrs.
William Kleinert, CED, 25 yrs.

Treasure County

John R. Olson, COC, 15 yrs.

Valley County

Gladys McGinnis, CED, 25 yrs.
Hazel G. Michel, E, 20 yrs.
Helen M. Robinson, E, 20 yrs.

Wheatland County

Eric Anderson, COC, 10 yrs.
Tom M. Coburn, E, 15 yrs.

Wibaux County

Clifford Quale, CED, 15 yrs.
Peter B. Schieffer, E, 15 yrs.

Yellowstone County

Agnes Dierenfield, E, 15 yrs.
Clifford Korber, COC, 20 yrs.

KEY

COC - County Committeeman
CMC - Community Committeeman
CED - County Executive Director
E - Employee